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FILLING LEVEL

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DE 101 61 918 discloses a tank content sensor compares the difference in capacitance due to stray fields (26) between different height (23, 24) electrode combs (8, 9, 19, 20) on opposite sides (2, 3) of a support substrate (1) with the maximum to determine the tank content status.

DE 42 09 582 discloses a safety device prevents flooding in dishwashers and washing machines and features a supply pipe (11) which is connected at one end directly to the water mains (9, 10). The sole inlet valve (12) is located on the appliance (1). The valve is controlled by a monitoring device (19) which a leak water or water level control unit (6, 7; 16, 17) associated with the water guiding work container of the household appliance. The monitoring device (19) switches on an emptying pump in the event of an accident.

EP 0 546 434 discloses a level control for the level of liquid in a dishwasher has a drainage trough (3) which is arranged below the bottom of the washing container and to which a strainer arrangement (4, 6) is assigned. Connected to the drainage trough (3) via a

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suction aperture (14) is a program-controlled circulation pump (11) for the washing liquid. Additionally, a water inlet valve (19) is provided, via which water is supplied if required when the circulation pump is running. In order to allow a simple construction of the control, the water inlet valve (19) is opened as long as and as soon as the liquid level in the drainage trough (3) is below a predetermined minimum operating level (21).

DE 195 38 580 discloses the method uses load-dependent wetting values corresponding to the amount of water required for rinsing (wetting) an applied amount of washing material, as well as the temperature rise gradient value during heating of the rinsing liquid. With completion of the rinsing program, a drying process takes its course. The drying procedure parameters are set according to the obtained wetting value and temperature gradient value from sensor (TS). Pressure monitor (DW) also is input to the electronic controller (EL) which uses fuzzy logic and controls heating (Hzg), magnetic valve (MV), forced air heating (GT) and time of drying (Tt).

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